

North American Wetlands Conservation Council Meeting Highlights

December 4, 2012

The North American Wetlands Conservation Council (Council) met on December 4, 2012 in Washington, DC, to select wetlands conservation projects that will be recommended to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission (Commission) for funding approval on March 6, 2013.

The total estimated funding of \$69,718,062 (from all funding sources) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 is allocated as follows: All Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection, and Restoration Act funds must be used in United States coastal ecosystems, while all other funds will be allocated 50% to projects in the United States, 45% to projects in Canada, and 5% to projects in Mexico. The estimated country allocations are: United States, \$45,671,897 (including \$3,000,000 allocated for the Small Grants Program and \$18,471,646 allocated for the September 2012 U.S. Standard grants slate); Canada, \$21,641,548; and Mexico, \$2,404,616. A portion of the United States funds, (\$84,500) is derived from fines paid under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and must be spent within the states of Oklahoma and Wyoming.

Project Proposal Recommendations

The Council selected the following 19 United States Standard Grant Program proposals, requesting a total of \$18,197,129, to recommend to the Commission for funding. Matching contributions for these proposals total \$46,919,903.

Boyles Island, GA

Delaware Bayshore Land Conservation Initiative - Phase I, DE

Glaciated Wetlands and Prairies of ND and MN – III, MN, ND

Green Bay - Marquette Coastal, WI

Gum Cove, LA

Indianola WMA Wetland Habitat Enhancements, MS

James River Lowlands/Missouri Coteau Project – V, SD

Liner's Canal, LA

New Hampshire Great Bay Estuary, Phase VII, NH

North Dakota Northern Prairie Project II, ND

San Luis Valley Rio Grande Initiative IV, CO

South Carolina Wetlands Landscape Initiative I, SC

Southeastern North Carolina Wetlands Initiative III, NC

Southern San Joaquin Valley Wetland Habitat Project, II, CA

Southwest Wetland Initiative of Minnesota (SWIM), MN

Upper Green River, WY

West Grand Lake Community Forest Phase II, ME

Willamette Valley Partnership, I, OR

Wisconsin Northwest Pothole Habitat Initiative Phase VI, WI

Gum Cove, LA
Liner's Canal, LA
New Hampshire Great Bay Estuary, Phase VII, NH
Upper Green River, WY

Contingent upon available funding, the Council will also recommend the following eight Mexican proposals, requesting a total of \$2,463,084 in funding. Matching contributions for these proposals total \$12,115,987.

Conservation of the Pacific Brant Wintering Habitat in the Vizcaino Wetlands, Baja California, II, Baja CA Sur
Habit Protection for Migratory Birds in the Bahia Magdalena-Almejas Wetland Complex, III, Baja CA Sur
Land Protection for Migratory Waterfowl at Laguna Madre, III, Tamaulipas
Multi-Institutional Initiative for the Conservation and Integrated Management of Lake Cuitzeo, Michoacán, II, Michoacán
Protection and Sustainable Use of Critical Habitat for Pacific Brant and Other Migratory Birds in NW Mexico, Baja CA Nor/Sonora
Protection, Ecological Enhancement and Management of Laguna Santiaguillos, II, Durango
Restoring Habitat for Migratory Waterbirds in the Colorado River Delta through Wetland Restoration and Allocation of Environmental Flows, Baja CA Nor/Sonora
Restoration of Freshwater Wetlands as Habitat for Migratory Waterfowl in Tamaulipas, Tamaulipas

These recommendations are subject to available funding for FY 2013.

The balance of estimated FY 2013 funds will be allocated as follows: U.S., \$9,003,122; Canada, \$21,641,548; Mexico, \$0

Scheduling

The next Council meeting is scheduled to be held in Washington, DC on March 25, 2013.

Meeting Summary

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